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London, June 4.

The 2 following Letters came from Officers of the English Forces that reliev'd Barcelona.

Barcelona, May 1. O. S.

'I could not let this fair Opportunity pass 'without giving you a Token of my Re- 'membrance. If I cannot give you the 'Detail of our happy Success, for Want of 'Time, the Express being gone away, I 'shall at least tell you enough to make your Heart 'glad and my Letter kindly accepted. On Satur- 'day Morning last we came with a Fleet of 50 'Men of War into the Bay of this Place, the French 'Fleet having left it the Night before; and we 'landed without any Loss of Time between 6 and '7000 Men that we had on board. We may say 'we nick'd the Time, for the Enemy were lodg'd 'upon the Counterscarp, the Breach was practi- 'cable and the Defence down, and had we come '24 Hour later the French had been in the Town. 'Notwithstanding this Succour, the Enemy work'd 'and fir'd all last Night, and this Morning quitted 'their Trenches and march'd away, follow'd by the 'Miquelets, whom they fear more than regular 'Troops: And indeed they have Reason, for they 'are strange Fellows: There are now 100000 in 'Arms in this Province, and all this Day there has 'been a continual Fire between them and the Ene- 'my, and will be so till they are out of the Country, 'which half of them will never be. The Desertion is 'very great, this Day 2 came to us about 500 Men. 'The Enemy left above 900 wounded Men: Their 'General's Letter to my L. Peterborow is remark- 'able, for I am told he says upon some Occasion *dans le pitoyable Etat on je me trouve*, (in the woful Con- 'dition I am in) and desires for Godsake that we 'will save the wounded Men, and in Exchange he'l 'send us all our Prisoners. We found in their Camp 'above 190 pieces of brass Cannon, and 17 Mortars, 'none being any way spoil'd, but many mounted 'and in good Order. The Bombs, Bullets, Corn, 'Meal and Tools of all sorts are innumerable; 'insomuch that had it been for the Siege of Troy 'or Cuma there could have been no greater Prepa- 'ration. This same Day about 9 a Clock the Sun 'was eclips'd, so much, that for 5 Minutes it was as 'dark as any Night can be, only the Sky was fill'd 'with Stars that gave some light. The French Ar- 'my is gone towards France, my Lord Galway we 'suppose to be at Madrid, so that you may conclude 'all Spain is ours. It is extremely pleasing to us to 'hear the whole City cry out with a Continuando '*Vive la Reyna Anna.*

Barcelona, May 1.

'THE 27th of April we arriv'd before this Place: 'The Forces on board the Transports, and 'the Marines from the Men of War were immedi- 'ately landed, to the Number of 7000 Men. We 'found the Town in a miserable Condition, not 900 'regular Soldiers in it, and very hard press'd by the 'Enemy, who had carried on their Works very 'well to the Covert-Way, had made a very good 'Breach, and every thing was dispos'd for a general 'Attack; and without Doubt the Town would 'have been carried. Fort Montjouy they had taken, 'and my Lord Donegal the Governour was kill'd 'by a Soldier that deserted the Day before. The 'Duke of Anjou staid with his Army and carried on 'the Siege till last Night about 12 a Clock, when 'he march'd out of his Trenches, leaving near 200 'pieces of brass Cannon mounted and unmount- 'ed, about 4000 Barrels of Powder, 20 Mortars, 'and a prodigious Quantity of Provisions. Perhaps 'the Number of Guns may not be credited, but I 'assure you he has left above 50 pieces mounted 'against the Town, 100 on the shore that were 'never mounted, and in Villages and Avenues near 'his Camp near 50 more. My Lord Peterborough 'with what Forces he had, imbark'd in Sattees and 'came off to us from Villanova, about 8 Leagues 'from Barcelona. The French Army consisted of '4000 Horse and about 37 Battallions. The Mi- 'quelets are now pursuing them and pelting them 'as they march. Nothing could be more surprizing- 'ly successful, a few Hours longer and the Affairs of 'Spain had not been on our side.

On Sunday Night late arriv'd the Mail from Holland of Friday last.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated June 11.

Paris, June 4. We have receiv'd certain Advice, that the King of Spain arriv'd at Pau the Capital of Bearn the 28th of last Month, in his Way to Pampelona in Navarre, where 'tis said his Majesty will find the Queen and the principal Persons of the Court of Madrid.

From the Paris Letter, dated June 7.

Paris, June 7. Some Letters from Spain advise, that the Portuguize have besieg'd Ciudad Rodrigo. We do not flatter our selves but Place can be reliev'd; for being neither fortified nor provided with what is necessary for making a good Defence, we suppose it will be forc'd to surrender before Succour can arrive. These Letters add, that the Enemy's Fleet is sail'd from the Road of Barcelona to the Coast of Valencia to favour the Rebels. They write from Bayone, that the Duke of Grammont being inform'd the King of Spain would pass through Pau, sent Orders throughout the Province of Bearn for the Nobility, to draw together to guard his Catholick Majesty and conduct him to Pampelona. But 'tis rumour'd there is Advice, that the King accompanied only by 3 Grandees, the Duke de Noailles, and 2 Valets de Chambre, has taken Post at Pau for Madrid.

It has been rumour'd for some Weeks past, that some Detachments would be order'd from the Duke de la Feuillade's Army to Lombardy or to Catalonia, and that the Siege of Turin would be put off; but Letters from Court say positively that Siege will be effectually carried on, and that there are at present before the Place 66 Battallions, 88 Squadrons, 6 Companies of Bombardiers, 6 Companies of Workmen to serve the Artillery, 600 Miners, 600 Gunners, 3 Brigades of Ingeniers, 8000 Pioneers, 133 Pieces of Cannon, 64 Mortars for Bombs from 200 to 500 Weight, 53200 Cannon Bullets, 17000 Bombs, 700000 Weight of Powder, and Meal to serve the Army 2 Months. There is besides at Susa a Reserve of 77000 Sacks of Corn and 500000 Weight of Powder. The Right of the Army is extended to the Po below Montcalier, and the Left to the Stura. The Count d'Estain was to pass the Po with 50 Squadrons and 20 Battallions, to endeavour to possess himself of the Rising Grounds that are above the Capuchins, where the Besieged have strong Intrenchments; and it being believ'd the Duke of Savoy will oppose him, we expect to hear of an Action. Men are actually at Work upon the Lines of Circumvallation and Contravallation; and the Letters of the 29th of last Month tell us very good Dispositions were made for opening the Trenches, but that the Day for opening them was not fix'd. The Duke of Savoy has at present 11000 Foot and 5000 Horse; he has sent the most valuable Furniture of his Palace to Coni, and several Ladies of his Court are come

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out of Turin with the Leave of the Duke de la Feuillade.

'Tis ſaid the Marſhal de Villars has Orders to detach 20 Battallions and 30 Squadrons for Flanders; and that their Room will be ſupplied by part of the Garriſons of the Places in upper and lower Alſace, and by thoſe in Lorrain, to the End the Marſhal may ſtill be in a Condition to oppoſe the Enterprizes of Prince Lewis of Baden. They write from our Places in Flanders the 4th of this Month, that the Marſhal de Villeroy is at St. Amand with all the Horſe; the Duke de Guiche at Liſle with the Regiment of Guards; M. de Caraman at Menin; the Count de Gaſſey at Courtray; M. de Grimaldi and Mongeorge at Mons; and the Count de la Motte at Ipres. They write from Breſt, that M. de Chavagnac and de Choiſeul, Captains of Men of War that were at the taking of the Iſles of St. Chriſtopher and Nevis, are arriv'd there; and that they report M. d' Ibberville is gone to the Spaniſh Ports in America with the Negroes he carried off from thoſe Iſles.

From the Duke of Marlborough's *Camp at* Arſeele, June 7, N. S. On Friday the 4th Inſtant the Army march'd from Meerlebeck, and having paſs'd the Schelde and the Lys, encamp'd between Deinſe and Nevelle, where the Magiſtrates of Audenarde came to wait upon my Lord Duke, to deſire his Grace's Protection, and aſſure him of their Fidelity to his Catholick Majeſty King Charles III. The 5th the Army march'd and encamp'd here, our Left being at Arſeele, and our Right at Caneghem. In the Morning Baron Schilde Treaſurer of Antwerp, with an Officer of the Garriſon of that Place, came to my Lord Duke, with Letters from the City, and the Marquis de Teraneza Governour of the Caſtle, praying that theſe Gentlemen might have Leave to go to the Elector of Bavaria, to receive his Directions upon the Conduct they were to obſerve in Relation to the Summons they had receiv'd from his Grace. My Lord Duke did not think fit to grant their Requeſt; but ſent them back to Antwerp with Anſwers to the Letters they brought, and immediately detach'd my Lord Orkney with 1000 Horſe to joyn Brigadier Cadogan and inveſt the Place, with Directions to form the Siege, aſſoon as his Lordſhip could be joyn'd by 16 Battallions of Foot, who were order'd to march for that Purpoſe from Flanders. In the mean time his Grace diſpatch'd Orders to Brigadier Cadogan, to give the Garriſon no more than 4 Hours time to conſider of the Capitulation that was offer'd them.

The ſame Day came an Expreſs from Collonel Durel, with the Anſwer of the Governour of Dendermonde, importing, that that Place being well provided, he hop'd my Lord Duke would not take it ill that he was reſolv'd to do his Duty. Yeſterday my Lord Duke receiv'd a Letter from the King of Spain, dated at Barcelona the 12th of May, acquainting his Grace, That the Enemy had been obliig'd to raiſe the Siege of that Town with ſo much Confuſion, that they had left behind them all their Artillery, and a very great quantity of all ſorts of Ammunition and Proviſions. The Troops and Artillery were drawn out this Evening, and a triple Diſcharge made of the Cannon and ſmall Arms upon this happy Occaſion. This Day at Noon my Lord Duke receiv'd Advice by an Expreſs from Brigadier Cadogan, That yeſterday the Governors of the Caſtle and Town of Antwerp had ſign'd the Capitulation, by which the Garriſon, conſiſting of 6 French and 6 Spaniſh Regiments, is allow'd to march out in 3 Days, and to be conducted to Queſnoy; but it is very probable that the Spaniards and Walloons will chooſe rather to enter into the Service of their lawful Sovereign King Charles the Third. At the ſame time arriv'd likewiſe an Expreſs from Major General Roſs, with the Anſwer of the Governour of Oſtend to the Summons made to him to ſurrender, importing, that he had ſent to the Elector of Bavaria, and hop'd he ſhould be excus'd if he defended the Place as became him till he receiv'd further Orders. Whereupon Orders were given this Afternnon for a Detachment to march and poſſeſs it ſelf of Plaſendale, on the Canal near Oſtende, to facilitate the Siege of that Place, which will be undertaken as ſoon as our Artillery comes up, and be carried on by the Direction of Monſieur d'Auverquerque. The neceſſary Preparations for this Siege, will take up 5 or 6 Days; in the mean time the Army will remain here; and his Grace intends to take this Opportunity to make a Journey to the Hague, whither he will be going to Morrow Morning, to concert Meaſures with the States General for the further Operations of this Campaign.

From the Bruſſels Gazette, dated June 8.

Bruſſels, June 8. The 5th Inſtant the States General of Brabant aſſembled extraordinarily in this City, to conſider in what Manner to acknowledge King Charles III. The 6th the Archbiſhop of Mechlen treated at Dinner the Prince of Naſſau Stadholder of Friſeland, General Churchill our Governour, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality. Yeſterday Don Bernardo de Quiros gave an Entertainment to the ſame Perſons. The Army of the Allies in Flanders are preparing to make a further Progreſs in the *Pais conquis*, while the French Army to hinder the great Deſertion of their Men which ſtill continues, is ſeparated, the Infantry being put into the fortified Towns, and the Cavalry canton'd in divers Places. M. de Chamillard has in the Name of the King of France aſſur'd the Spaniſh and Walloon Generals and Officers, that they ſhall enjoy the ſame Honours, Rights, and Prerogatives for themſelves and their Troops they have hitherto claim'd; and promis'd them further Honours, Penſions, and Employments from France. That Miniſter left Liſle the 3d Inſtant, to return to the Court of France, to make a Report to the K. of the Condition in which he found his Troops.

Hague, June 11. The 9th Inſtant late at Night the Duke of Marlborough, accompanied only by his Secretary and an Aide de Camp, arriv'd here from the Army, which he left encamp'd at Aerſelle the 8th in the Afternoon, and came through Antwerp, where his Grace was attended by the Governour and Magiſtrates of the Town, who in a very reſpectful manner declar'd the Senſe they had of the great Obligations they ow'd to Her Majeſty, for relieving them from the Oppreſſion of a French Government; expreſſing at the ſame Time their Zeal and Loyalty for their Lawful King Charles the Third. Yeſterday morning his Grace was with the Preſident and ſome of the Members of the Council of State. His Grace was afterwards viſited and congratulated by the forreign Miniſters and divers other Perſons of Quality: He din'd with Mr. Stanhop; and at 5 in the Afternoon Meſſieurs van Welderen, Steenlag, the Pentionary Heintins, Becker, Wellant, Burmania, Itterſum, Borck, and the Regiſter Fagel, deputed by their High Mightineſſes, went in 5 Coaches to the Duke of Albemarle's Houſe, had a Conference there with his Grace, and readily concurr'd in what he propos'd to them for carrying on the War with Vigour. This Morning he went away agen for the Army. 'Tis ſaid the Miniſter of Savoy made Inſtances to his Grace, that a Detachment of Troops might be ſent to Italy. The French King ſeems to have nothing ſo much at Heart, as the reducing of the D. of Savoy by Arms, or drawing him over to his Party on any Terms: The Paris Letters have often given formidable Accounts of the Preparations for the Siege of Turin; and we are well inform'd by other Hands, that the 25th of laſt Month a *Carte blanche* was offer'd his Royal Highneſs on the part of France, but 'twas to no purpoſe. A Marriage is concluded between the Prince Royal of Pruſſia and the Princeſs of Hanover.

The Garriſon of Antwerp march'd out of that Place Yeſterday. Of 4 Walloon Regiments, conſiſting of 600 Men each, which were in it, there march'd out but 372 Men, the reſt entred into his Catholick Majeſty's Service, ſome few excepted, who not being in a Condition to ſerve, are return'd to their reſpective Dwellings. The Spaniards who were in the Garriſon have all declar'd for King Charles the Third, and remain in the Caſtle.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Tueſday, being the 4th of June, will be preſented an Opera, call'd, Camilla. Being the laſt time of performing the ſame this Seaſon. Boxes 7 s. 6 d. Pit 5 s. Firſt Gallery 3 s. Upper Gallery 1 s. 6 d. No Perſon to ſtand on the Stage, or come behind the Scenes.

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